

REMARKS

The application has been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims in the application and to conform more with conventional US practice. Publication of the application with the amendments herein is respectfully requested.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 18-0988. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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